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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend claim 24 as follows:

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24. (Amended) A bit holder comprising:
a body having a distal end surface,
said body having a bore formed in said end surface,
a magnet received in said bore and having an outer
surface,
and a discrete flat retaining member friction fitted in
said bore outboard of said magnet to retain said magnet in
said bore,
said retaining member having a continuous outer periphery
such that any two points on the periphery can be joined by a
straight line segment which does not extend outside the
periphery,

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